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STATE OF MICHIGAN  
THE OFFICE OF RACING COMMISSIONER  
LANSING

CHRISTINE WHITE  
Commissioner

ORDER OF THE RACING COMMISSIONER PROHIBITING THE POSSESSION  
AND/OR USE OF ERYTHROPOIETIN (EPO) AND DARBEPOIETIN (DarEPO)  
AND ESTABLISHING PROTOCOLS FOR HORSES TESTING POSITIVE  
FOR THESE DRUGS OR THE ANTIBODIES OF THESE DRUGS

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The Racing Commissioner being charged with the responsibility of protecting the integrity of the pari-mutuel horse racing industry, restricting the use and/or possession of prohibited drugs, guarding the health of the horse and safeguarding the interests of the public and racing participants through the prohibition and control of all drugs and/or substances foreign to the natural horse; and,

The Racing Commissioner having determined and concluded after thorough investigation, that the use/or possession of Erythropoietin (EPO) and/or darbepoetin (DarbEPO) on the premises of a facility under the jurisdiction of the Michigan Office of Racing Commissioner is prohibited due to the fact that it is a foreign substance and that it may endanger the health and welfare of the horse, endanger the safety of the rider or driver and may adversely affect the integrity of racing; and,

These prohibited, performance-enhancing substances having been linked to such life-threatening conditions in race horses as dehydration and anemia; now therefore,

IT IS ORDERED, pursuant to the Horse Racing Law of 1995, as amended, MCL 431.301, et seq., Act No. 279 of the Public Acts of 1995, and the Rules of the Racing Commissioner as follows:

1. The possession and/or use of a drug, substance or medication, specified below, on the premises of a facility under the jurisdiction of the Michigan Office of Racing Commissioner is prohibited:
  - a. Erythropoietin (EPO)
  - b. Darbepoietin (DarbEPO)
2. Horses may be tested, as required by the Racing Commissioner or designee of the Racing Commissioner, for the presence of or antibodies of EPO and/or DarbEPO.
3. In the event a sample tests positive for the presence of or antibodies of EPO and/or DarbEPO, the matter shall be handled in accordance with current policies for all positive tests.

IT IS SO ORDERED

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Christine White  
Racing Commissioner

Dated: \_\_1-10-08\_\_